

## ABSTRACT

A novel endoglucanase derived from Staphylotrichum  
coccosporum, a polynucleotide encoding the endoglucanase,  
and a cellulase preparation containing the endoglucanase are  
disclosed. The endoglucanase or cellulase preparation is  
available for a washing use or fabric processing, such as a  
color clarification of a cellulose-containing fabric, a  
reduction of fuzz, an improvement of the touch feel and  
appearance of the fabric, providing a localized color change  
to the fabric, or a reduction of stiffness.